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TAGS: PFOR PINT LT SF

SUBJ: VORSTER WARNS LESOTHO

REF : MASERU 958

1. RAND DAILY MAIL AND RADIO SOUTH AFRICA REPORT SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, SPEAKING SEP 5 AT CAPE ANTIONALIST CONGRESS, WARNED LESOTHO TO STOP TRYING TO TELL SOUTH AFRICA HOW TO RULE ITSELF. VORSTER QUOTED AS SAYING, "SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN TOO FAR IN THIS RESPECT."

2. VORSTER ALSO REPORTED SAYING SOUTH AFRICA HAD DONE ONLY GOOD FOR LESOTHO (WITH MENTION OF SOME SPECIFICS ON ASSISTANCE) AND ALTHOUGH LATTER RULED BY BRITAIN FOR 100 YEARS IT SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HAD PROVIDED BASOTHO WITH A LIVING BY ALLOWING THEM TO WORK IN REPUBLIC. HE SAID IT NOT SOUTH AFRICA'S FAULT THAT BASOTHO HAD TO WORK IN REPUBLIC AND THAT LESOTHO HAD NO OPTION BUT TO SELL LABOR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: IN ABSENCE ANY OTHER OBVIOUS EVENT THAT MIGHT HAVE PROMPTED VORSTER'S REMARKS, ASSUME HE REPLYING TO PRIME  
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MINISTER JONATHAN'S AUG 23 STATEMENT REPORTED REFTTEL. GOL

RESPONSE, IF ANY, WILL LIKELY AWAIT JONATHAN'S RETURN FROM  
ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.  
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